

NANTWICH URBAN DISTRICT

1942



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

K. Knowles. F.R.C.S.

to which is appended

the Report of the Sanitary Inspector

P. Bebbington.

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NANTWICH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Statistics and Social Condition of the Area.

Area (acres) 1.173.

Estimated population to middle of 1942 - 8520.

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1942) according to Rate Books - 2,355.

Rateable value - £44,207. 0. Od.

Sum represented by a penny rate £169. 0. Od.

Nantwich, which is an ancient town, is situated in the South-West corner of the County of Cheshire.

It is a market town for a large and important agricultural area.

The Brine Baths Hotel is situated on the outskirts of the town, and is visited by a large number of patients suffering from Rheumatism, Gout, Sciatica, Neuritis, etc.

There is a Brine Swimming Pool, 100 feet in length and 50 feet in width. The water is purified and maintained at the highest degree of purity.

The industries consist of Wholesale Clothing Manufacturies, Boot and Shoe Manufacturies, and a large Tannery.

Vital Statistics.

	Total	Male	Female
Live Births (Legitimate)	112	59	53
(Illegitimate)	10	5	5

Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population - 14.3.

Still Births 5 3 2.

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births - 14.9

Deaths 129 62 67

Death rate per 1,000 of the resident population - 15.1

Deaths from Puerperal sepsis NIL

" from other puerperal causes 1

Death rate of infants under one year of age :-

All infants per 1,000 live births - 98.3

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births - 99.1

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births - 100.0

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 16

" " Measles (all ages) NIL

" " Whooping Cough (all ages) NIL

" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years) 1

Particulars of any unusual or excessive mortality during the year, which has received or required comment - NIL.

General Provisions of Health Services for the Area.

Medical Officer of Health (part-time) K. Knowles F.R.C.S.

Sanitary Inspector (full time) P. Bebbington.

Engineer and Surveyor (full time) E. H. Bailey.

Notifiable Diseases/

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	Under 1 year	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 10 years.	10 to 15 years.	15 to 20 years.	20 to 35 years.	35 to 45 years.	45 to 65 years.	65 and over.	Total cases.	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total deaths.
Scarlet Fever	-	1	2	2	5	9	2	3	2	-	-	-	26	26	NIL
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	2	-	-	-	10	10	NIL
Whooping Cough	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	NIL
Measles	5	2	4	-	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	17	-	NIL
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	-	NIL
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	NIL
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	NIL
Ophthalmia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL

Tuberculosis.

New cases and Mortality during 1942.

Age Periods	New cases				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 20	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
45 - 55	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
55 - 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5	2	1	1	2	1	-	-

All Tuberculosis deaths have been notified.

During the year all cases of Tuberculosis reported have been visited, sputum cups and disinfectants provided gratis, and leaflets containing information for those suffering from the disease have been distributed.

After death, or removal to Hospital, all bedding, rooms, etc., have been thoroughly disinfected.

Diphtheria.

The Councils scheme for the free immunisation of children against Diphtheria is carried out by their own doctor at the Surgery. The prophylactic used is A.P.T.

The number of children immunised during the year is :-

Age under five years.

Age 5 years and over but under 15

Laboratory Work.

Nineteen specimens of sputum were examined at the County Laboratory, seven were positive. Diphtheria Antitoxin is supplied by the Council free for necessitous cases.

Nursing arrangements, Hospital and other Institutions available for the District.

The Maternity and Child Welfare Centre in the District is under the County Council, where one Nurse is in attendance.

There are two trained Nurses now working in the District, one for District work, and the other for Maternity cases. These are supervised by a Committee, and supported by voluntary subscriptions. A small charge is made to those who require the Nurses' services and do not subscribe. Necessitous cases are attended free.

There is a Poor Law Institution and Hospital in the District, also a Cottage Hospital and ambulance facilities.

The Nantwich Joint Isolation Hospital has 41 beds. Three diseases can be concurrently treated. There are also up-to-date Ambulance facilities and Steam Disinfecting Apparatus.

The Smallpox Hospital is situated at Ravensmoor, and is available for both Urban and Rural Districts.

Water Supply.

The Water supply is satisfactory. Samples have been taken for analysis at frequent intervals and the reports have been satisfactory.

Sewage Disposal.

The sewage disposal scheme is working satisfactory.

Housing.

There have been no new houses built in the District during the year.

New houses are urgently needed, and it is hoped to put the work in hand immediately circumstances permit.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

The Report of the Sanitary Inspector which is appended, deals with this matter.

K. KNOWLES.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Nantwich Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for the
year 1942.

Housing.

Only urgent repairs which have been necessary to abate
nuisances have been carried out owing to the shortage of labour
and materials.

Pail Closets.

There are still 125 pail closets in the District at the
end of the year.

Dairies and Cowsheds.

There are 14 Cowkeepers in the District. Eight are
producers of Accredited Milk.

Limewashing has been carried out at least twice during the
year.

Bakehouses.

Bakehouses have been frequently inspected and found
satisfactory.

Offensive Trades.

There are two Offensive Trades established within the
District, one large Tannery and one Fellmonger. These premises
have been regularly inspected and are kept in a cleanly state.
No complaints have been received during the year.

Common Lodging Houses.

There are two registered Common Lodging houses which are
well conducted and kept in a clean state.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No action taken.

Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.

These Acts are administered by officials of the County
Council.

Shops Act 1934.

Inspections under this Act have been made and there have been no contravention of the Act.

Infectious Disease.

All cases of Infectious Disease notified had immediate attention and disinfection of bedding and rooms was carried out. Special attention was paid to the sanitary condition of the premises.

Schools.

It has not been necessary to close the Schools during the year for infectious disease.

Slaughter-Houses.

There are two Licensed Slaughter-houses in the District. These are not being used.

The following articles of food were condemned at Shops and Warehouses:-

7 tins Fruit.	6 tins Herrings.
18 tins Tomatoes.	5 tins Fish Paste.
10 tins Pineapple.	1 tin Galantine.
141 tins Vegetables.	649 tins Evaporated Milk.
12 tins Pilchards.	80 lbs. Sausage.
3 tins Tongue.	56 lbs. Butter.
4 tins Pressed Ham.	280 lbs. Meat Extract.
1 jar Potted Meat.	50 lbs. Foreign Meat.
4 tins Brisket Beef.	416 lbs. Beef.
2 tins Sausage Meat.	6 nets of Cauliflowers.
9 tins Luncheon Meat.	
3 tins Rabbit.	
29 tins Rarebit.	
1 tin Beetox.	
11 tins Corned Beef.	

P. BEBBINGTON.

Sanitary Inspector.

